(*b*) whether every such school has a sewing mistress;

(*c*) if not the reason for not having appointed sewing mistresses in those schools and

(*d*) whether the Government have decided to fill all these places at least from the beginning of the next academic year?.

Minister for Education Food and Labour **(Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai)**:

(*a*) 517.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The question is under consideration.

(*d*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (c) above.

SECONDARY EDUCATION POLICY

*872. [51] **Sri. M. I. Paul**: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Education Labour and Civil Supplies be pleased to state.—

(*a*) How far the present secondary education scheme has progressed;

(*b*) The number of private managements that have fully accepted the scheme and also the number of those that have not accepted the same;

(*c*) The total number of educational institutions managed by private parties in the State without grant from the Government; and with grant from the Government.

(*d*) Whether the Government have received representations from any section of the people protesting against the new education policy; if so what action has been taken in the matter and are the Government aware whether any such representations have been made to the Central Government?

Minister for Education, Food and Labour **(Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai)**:

(*a*) It has made satisfactory progress.

(*b*) 511 Managers have fallen in line with the scheme.
414 remain to join.

(*c*) The information is being collected.

(*d*) Certain representations have been received. As all the relevant aspects were considered before the introduction of the scheme, the representations did not call for any immediate action.

This Government are aware that a few representations were made to the Central Government also.

LAND ASSIGNMENT TO WORKERS

*873. [53] **Sri. M. I. Paul**: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government intend to assign land to the workers of the Government salt Depot at Malipuram; if so when and if not the reasons for the same?

Chief Minister **(Sri. C. Kesavan)**: No. Lands leased to the workers were transferred by them to others. The lessees did not conform to the terms of the leases. Government do not therefore propose to give them more lands. Moreover, the working of the salt depots is a central subject. The State Government are not directly concerned in it at present.

DISTRIBUTION OF YARN

*874. [55] **Sri. P. K. Krishnankutty Menon**: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Civil Supplies be pleased to state:

(*a*) Is it a fact that there is acute shortage of cotton yarn for the use of handloom weavers in the State; and if so, the steps the Government have taken to remedy the same;

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